

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Andre Johan Taljaard
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2007, setting a three-month period for response ending March 18, 2008, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendices A, B, and C including a clean and marked-up copy of the substitute specification and amended drawings are attached following page 12 of this paper.